

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRICAL.—The beautiful play dramatized from the poem of Enoch Arden, will be presented to-night for the first time, with Mrs. Scheller as Annie Lee, Annie Arden and Annie Ray, supported by a good cast. The piece has some beautiful vocal music in the songs to be sung by Madame Scheller, and the beautiful choruses of the piece. In the third act a nutting scene occurs, and there is a double marriage by Miss Alexander and Miss Olive, and a Morrice dance by the characters and ballet. The entertainment is highly enjoyable.

THE WEATHER.—There was a little more "California winter" this morning—more rain and still chilly.

The Deseret-Telegraph Line furnishes us the following:

Local: rather cloudy and cold.

Brigham City: looks very much like a storm.

Ogden: looks like more rain; roads drying fast.

American Fork: very cloudy and muddy; has been raining this morning.

Provo: cloudy, but mild. There is good feeling over the river.

Nephi: warm and pleasant. There are a few hovering clouds. It rained all last night. Very much.

Utah City: clear and pleasant.

St. George: clear and pleasant this morning. It looks as if the storm was over for the present. Thermometer 70 in the shade.

WATERY.—The electric fluid, on the overland line, seems to manifest an objection to travel during rainy weather. It will pass through the ocean, with the wild waves singing around it, and flash intelligence from continent to continent. But when it crosses the plains and mountains, it shrinks from a shower and objects to a waiting, probably in kindness to those who have to read the dispatches, that they may not be more diluted than they are in their usual weak and watery condition. To-day expectation waits for news from Washington; but now, at noon, the prospects are that expectation may put on a night-cap and take a snooze in all patience.

BLOWN UP.—A couple of lads in Portland, Oregon, on the 12th, thought to have a miniature Fourth of July, and obtaining a flask of powder, set themselves to work to make a blow up. Putting a little on the ground and lighting it was too slow an operation, and so the one who held the flask commenced pouring on the fire they had procured. They were astonished and two doctors had to be called in to attend to them.

GOING DOWN STREAM.—We have been informed, that the grasshoppers, those "pestiferous pests," are going down stream in quantities innumerable, washed into the creeks by the many little rivulets which have been formed by the rains. In one place near the Fifth Ward we have heard there is a little stream that is spanned by a footbridge, where the water rises close to the crossing, and there the insects accumulate so rapidly that the place has to be cleared every little while. It is on to the Jordan and thence to the Lake! A speedy and certain voyage to them!

WHEN KANYON ROAD.—We have just received the following from Col. J. C. Little, which will be of interest to the traveling public: SALT LAKE CITY, May 26, 1898. Editor Deseret News.—I take pleasure in informing you that the heavy break made by the flood at the Devil's Gate and Sheep Creek are, by the energetic efforts of Messrs. Peterson, Smith, Seaman, Merrill & Grant, repaired, and in condition for the public to travel. J. C. LITTLE.

FAILING.—Complaints are often made in parts of the country comparatively new, of the soil becoming exhausted. Even here, people say that in places they cannot raise the crops now which they could raise some years ago. The reason is very obvious. If the soil is called to yield its strength year after year, and is not fed in return with manure, it will become exhausted. "Wheat was raised in Rome two thousand years ago, and good crops are raised there still," says an exchange. The soil has been nourished and its strength maintained; and there is little doubt but that where it is properly tilled and manured, better crops can be raised now than were two thousand years ago.

BRAIN-MAKING MATERIAL.—Of course everybody is richly endowed with brains, for does not the old "saw" declare that "nothing is so well divided as wit, for every one thinks he has enough, and he who has least believes himself best supplied." Still, those who are well endowed in this respect would like to have more, and to such the following, clipped from a Canadian exchange, is recommended:

Not only does wheat, all ground through into what is called Graham flour, give increased power to the brain by furnishing phosphorus, but so likewise do eggs, oysters, and all kinds of fish and beans. This matter is of importance to all who wish to have their minds constantly strong and bright.

We believe in the "eggs and oysters," and can endorse "Graham flour" as good for the inner man. Nobody who has ever seen the phosphoric gleaming of the sea when the water is dashed into foam, or the blue light emitted from a fish when it is opened and placed in the dark, can doubt that fish furnish phosphorus to the system, and thereby to the brains. Who can dispute it!

TROOPS FOR UTAH.—The Cheyenne Leader, of the 18th, says: "We are informed that within thirty days thirteen companies of troops will be sent to Camp Douglas, Utah, where a substantial stonearrison will be built during the present season."

"The Mormons are preparing to defend themselves against the enforcement of the laws, and are constructing a large and strong fort near Cove Creek."—(Omaha Herald.)

"How tell! What a man's nest the Herald man has found! And the 'Mormons' are actually building a fort and it's high in the middle of Utah, too, at Cove Creek. Don't believe it is in an isolated position, and only erected to protect the telegraph operators from marauding Indians. Nobody can be guilty by that now-a-days. Oh, no; there's treason in it, and defiance of laws, and one family who keep the telegraph station. Hark ye, friend Herald, several 'Mormons' went down east this spring; better watch them well, or they'll 'wipe out' the Missouri river, and leave Omaha high and dry far from a river's banks. They're terrible folk!"

TRAIN IN.—D. Green's train of six wagons, from Cave Valley, got in today loaded with flour for T. W. Taylor.

NO EASTERN DISPATCHES.—No dispatches from the east today. The line was not working—cause, supposed to be the rain storm.

THE ANT TRAP.—Procure a large sponge, wash it well and press dry; which will leave the cells quite open; then sprinkle over it some fine white sugar and place it where the ants are troublesome. They will soon collect upon the sponge and take up their abode in the cells. It is only necessary to dip the sponge in scalding water which will wash them out dead. Put on more sugar and set the trap for a new haul. This process will soon clear the house of ants.

WHAT BECAME OF THOSE FETTERS.—One of the speakers at the Republican Nominating Convention yesterday, in speaking of the good work of the emancipation of the slaves in the District. One of the reporters present makes him say that the angel of liberty gathered up the fetters of slavery and cast them into "the gulf of infamy," while another has it that the aforesaid fetters were cast into "the hot bed of infamy;" and a third one a little more cautious gets the chains out, but says nothing of their final disposition. Therefore the question recurs: What became of those fetters.—Washington Star.

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